

formulating a pharmaceutical preparation by combining the test compound having a *hedgehog* inhibitory activity with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

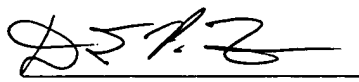
### **CONCLUSION**

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 2, 15-23, 25, and 27-37 constitute the pending claims in the present application. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should any fee be required for timely consideration of this submission, Applicants hereby request that the fee be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

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